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RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW ACTS;" "THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1883-1891;" AND "THE LAND PURCHASE ACTS,"

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1899.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," up to the 28th day of February, 1899; also of Proceedings up to same date, under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883—1891," and under "The Land Purchase Acts."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—Fair Rent.

(a.) In Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st January, 1899. . .	194,036		Rents fixed—		
Applications received in month of February, 1899, . .	183	194,219	By Chief Commission to 31st January, 1899, .	4,479	
			" in month of February, 1899, . . .	10	4,489
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st Jan., 1899, .	10,392				
Do. in month of Feb., 1899,	12	10,404	By Sub-Commissions to 31st January, 1899, .	165,966	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st Jan., 1899,	29,947		" in month of February, 1899, . . .	185	166,151
Applications received in month of February, 1899, . .	3	29,950			
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents,* to 31st Jan., 1899, .	1,190		Dismissed—		
" received in Feb., 1899,	22	1,212	To 31st January, 1899, .	8,941	
			In month of February, 1899, .	23	8,964
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st January, 1899, . . .	1,451		Struck out—		
Do. in month of Feb., 1899,	—	1,451	To 31st January, 1899, .	38,419	
			In month of February, 1899, .	19	36,438
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to 31st January, 1899, . . .	413				
Do. in month of Feb., 1899,	6	419	Withdrawn†—		
			To 31st January, 1899, .	14,968	
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st January, 1899, . . .	36		In month of February, 1899, .	7	14,973
Do. in month of Feb., 1899,	—	36			
Total. .	—	237,691	Total disposed of, .	—	231,015

* These cases are also included in Redemption of Rent, Table (ix.), page 8.

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

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SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 31st Jan., 1899, ...	42,130		Rents fixed— By Chief Commission to 31st January, 1899, .	336	
Applications received in month of February, 1899, ...	883	43,013	" in month of Feb., 1899, .	13	349
			By Sub-Commissions to 31st January, 1899, .	16,440	
			" in month of Feb., 1899,	750	17,190
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st January, 1899, . .	3,143		Dismissed— To 31st January, 1899, .	450	
			In month of February, 1899, .	11	461
Do. in month of February, 1899, . . .	60	3,203	Struck out— To 31st January, 1899, .	3,871	
			In month of February, 1899, .	95	3,966
			Withdrawn*— To 31st January, 1899, .	635	
			In month of February, 1899, .	12	647
Total, ...	—	46,216	Total disposed of, .	—	22,613

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(*b.*) *Out of Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 44, fixing Fair Rent to 31st January, 1899, . .	125,323
Do., do. in month of February, 1899, . .	471
Total.	125,794

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term to 31st January, 1899, ...	13,448
Do., do. in month of February, 1899, . .	756
Total, ...	14,204

II.—Miscellaneous Originating Notices. †

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 31st January, 1899, . .	1,739		Number disposed of to 31st Jan., 1899, .	2,598
Applications received in month of February, 1899, .	8	1,747	" in month of February, 1899, .	7
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st Jan., 1899, .	42			
Do. in month of February, 1899, . . .	—	42		
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 33) received to 31st January, 1899, .	1,062			
Applications in month of February, 1899, . .	—	1,062		
Total, ...	—	2,851	Total disposed of, . .	2,605

† The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act is termed an Originating Notice.

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III.—Applications by Lessee or Grantee to have Lease or Grant executed since 1st January, 1869, declared Void ("Land Law Ireland Act, 1887,"—sec. 2.)—Form 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,*	55	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Jan., 1899,	22	
		„ in month of Feb., 1899,	—	22
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1899,	30	
		„ in month of Feb., 1899,	—	30
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st Jan., 1899,	3	
		„ in month of Feb., 1899,	—	3
Total,	55	Total disposed of,	—	55

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888

IV.—Applications by Middleman claiming to be entitled to surrender his Holding under sec. 8 of "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887."—Form 38.

Number of Applications received to 31st Jan., 1899,	19		Applications granted to 31st January, 1899,	5	
„ in month of Feb., 1899,	—	19	„ in month of Feb., 1899,	—	5
„ Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st January, 1899,	3		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1899,	10	
„ in month of Feb., 1899,	—	3	„ in month of Feb., 1899,	—	10
			Applications withdrawn to 31st January, 1899,	3	
			„ in month of Feb., 1899,	—	3
Total,	—	22	Total disposed of,	—	18

V.—Proceedings under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883–1891.

Applications received to 31st Jan., 1899,	4,350	Rents fixed to 31st Jan., 1899,	3,844	
„ in February, 1899,	6	„ in February, 1899,	22	3,866
		Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 31st Jan., 1899,	399	
		„ in February, 1899,	1	400
Total,	4,356	Total disposed of,	—	4,266

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VI.—Appeals to Fair Rents, &c.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged to 31st Jan., 1899,	48,788	Number heard to 31st January, 1899,	24,432	
" in month of February, 1899,	97	" in month of February, 1899,	75	24,507
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1899,	801	
		" in month of February, 1899,	—	801
		Number withdrawn to 31st January, 1899,	21,445	
		" in month of February, 1899,	44	21,489
		Total Number disposed of,	—	46,797
		Remaining to be disposed of,	—	2,088
Total,	48,885	Total,	—	48,885

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged during Second Statutory Term to 31st January, 1899	9,726	Number heard to 31st Jan., 1899,	2,445	
" in month of February, 1899,	317	" in month of February, 1899,	257	2,712
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1899,	—	
		" in month of February, 1899,	—	—
		Number withdrawn to 31st Jan., 1899,	1,098	
		" in month of February, 1899,	221	1,319
		Total Number disposed of,	—	4,031
		Remaining to be disposed of,	—	6,012
Total,	10,043	Total,	—	10,043

VII.—Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1885 & 1888.

—	Number.	Amount.
		£
Loans applied for to 31st January, 1899,	29,636	11,452,028
" in month of February, 1899,	—	—
	29,636	11,452,028
Deduct Applications refused,	3,809	1,459,077
	25,827	9,992,951
Loans sanctioned to 31st January, 1899,	25,827	9,992,951
Loans sanctioned in month of February, 1899,	—	—
	25,827	9,992,951
Loans issued to 31st January, 1899,	25,366	9,992,477
Loans issued in month of February, 1899,	—	—
	25,366	9,992,477

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VIII.—Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1891, 1896.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
Loans applied for to 31st January, 1899,	21,568	6,772,585		
" in February, 1899,	825	187,037	22,493	6,959,622
Loans applied for in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1895), to 31st January, 1899,	2,891	749,767		
" in February, 1899,	—	—	2,891	749,767
Loans applied for (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st Jan., 1899,	367	109,673		
" in February, 1899,	38	7,448	405	117,121
Total number of Loans applied for to 28th February, 1899,	—	—	25,789	7,826,510
Less applications refused to 28th February, 1899,	873	369,968		
" " in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1885), to 28th February, 1899,	969	275,826		
" " (Section 40, Act, 1896) to 28th February, 1899,	—	—	1,842	645,794
			23,947	7,180,716
Loans sanctioned to 31st January, 1899,	18,063	5,588,619		
" in February, 1899,	488	139,113	18,551	5,727,732
Loans sanctioned in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1885), to 31st Jan., 1899,	1,979	512,030		
" in February, 1899,	—	—	1,979	512,030
" (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st Jan., 1899,	367	109,673		
" in February, 1899,	38	7,448	405	117,121
Total number of Loans sanctioned to 28th February, 1899,	—	—	20,935	6,356,883
Less applications rescinded by Order of Court to 28th February, 1899,	189	68,704		
" in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, 1885), to 28th February, 1899,	170	65,617		
" (Section 40, 1896), to 28th Feb., 1899,	—	—	359	134,321
			20,576	6,222,562
Loans issued to 31st January, 1899,	13,673	4,229,121		
" in February, 1899,	636	207,741	14,309	4,436,862
" in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1885), to 31st January, 1899,	1,756	446,915		
" in February, 1899,	2	608	1,758	447,523
" (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st Jan., 1899,	367	109,673		
" in February, 1899,	38	7,443	405	117,121
" in cases under the Redemption of Rent Act, to 31st Jan., 1899,	79	78,069		
" in February, 1899,	—	—	79	78,069
" pursuant to sec. 43 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896, to 31st Jan., 1899,	5	19,171		
" in February, 1899,	—	—	6	19,171
			16,557	5,098,746

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IX.—Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891.

Applications received to 31st Jan., 1899,	1,377	Number of cases in which Consents to Redemption of Rent have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to 31st January, 1899, . . .	166	
" in Feb., 1899, .	4	Number received in February, 1899, . .	—	166
		Number of cases in which no Consents were received and which were treated as applications to fix Fair Rents* to 31st January, 1899, ...	1,190	
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of February, 1899, ...	22	1,212
				1,378
		Number of cases in which applications have been received but where time for lodgment of consent has not expired, . .	—	3
Total, . .	1,381	Total, ...	—	1,381

* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table (a) page 3.

CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1899.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 28th day of February, 1899.

I.—Fair Rent.

(a.) In Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st January, 1899, . .	31,866		Rents fixed to 31st Jan., 1899,	17,957	
Applications received in month of February, 1899, . . .	46	31,912	" in month of February, 1899, . . .	6	17,963
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 31st January, 1899, .	4,342		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1899, . . .	4,002	
Applications received in month of February, 1899, . . .	1	4,343	" in month of February, 1899, . . .	1	4,003
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending, to 31st Jan., 1899. .	2,525		Applications withdrawn* to 31st January, 1899, .	495	
Applications received in month of February, 1899, . . .	—	2,525	" in month of February, 1899, . . .	—	495
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to 31st January, 1899, . .	103		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Jan., 1899, . . .	11,843	
Applications received in month of February, 1899, . .	3	106	" in month of February, 1899, . . .	12	11,855
			Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred to the Irish Land Commission to the 31st Jan., 1899, ...	36	
			" in month of February, 1899,	—	36
Total, . . .	—	38,886	Total disposed of, .	—	34,352

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SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 31st January, 1899, ...	5,882		Rents fixed to 31st Jan., 1899, .	1,061	
			„ in month of Feb., 1899, .	19	1,080
Applications received in month of February, 1899, ...	195		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1899, . . .	94	
			„ in month of February, 1899, . . .	31	125
			Applications withdrawn* to 31st Jan., 1899, . .	66	
			„ in month of February, 1899, . . .	1	67
			Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to 31st Jan., 1899,	3,143	
			„ in month of February, 1899, . . .	60	3,203
Total, . .	6,077		Total disposed of, .	—	4,475

* An Application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b.) *Out of Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 44, fixing Fair Rent to 31st January, 1899, . .	7,294
Do, do. in month of February, 1899, . .	—
Total, ...	7,294

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing a Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term, received to 31st January, 1899, ...	66
Do., do., in month of February, 1899, . .	2
Total, ...	70

II.—Miscellaneous Originating Notices.*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to 31st January, 1899, .	338	
Applications received to 31st January, 1899, . .	619		„ in month of Feb., 1899, . . .	1	339
Applications received in month of February, 1899,	2	621	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Jan., 1899, ...	42	
			Transferred in month of Feb., 1899, ...	—	42
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 33) received to 31st January, 1899, . .	3				
Applications received in month of February, 1899,	—	3			
Total, . . .	—	624	Total disposed of, .	—	381

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III.—Applications by Lessee or Grantee to have Lease or Grant executed since 1st January, 1869, declared Void ("Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887,"—sec. 2).—Form 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,* . . .	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Jan., 1899, .	—	
		„ in month of Feb., 1899,	—	—
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1899, . .	6	
		„ in month of Feb., 1899,	—	6
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st Jan., 1899, .	—	
		„ in month of Feb., 1899,	—	—
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Jan., 1899, .	—	
		„ in month of Feb., 1899,	—	—
Total, . . .	6	Total disposed of,	—	6

* The time Limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—Applications by Middleman claiming to be entitled to surrender his holding under sec. 8 of "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887."—Form 38.

Number of Applications received to 31st January, 1899, .	22	Applications granted to 31st Jan., 1899, . .	3	
„ in month of February, 1899, .	—	„ in month of Feb., 1898,	—	3
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1899, . .	4	
		„ in month of Feb., 1899,	—	4
		Applications withdrawn to 31st Jan., 1899, .	1	
		„ in month of Feb., 1899,	—	1
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Jan., 1899, .	3	
		„ in month of Feb., 1899,	—	3
Total, . .	22	Total disposed of, .	—	11

Irish Land Commission,
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